



# St. John's Lutheran Church

**Mission Statement: "Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!"**

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## Council Member for the Month of August

### Adam Anderson

**A bit about me and my family:** Liz and I will be celebrating 15 years of marriage in July. We have 3 kids: Emmitt (8), Henry (6), and Lucy (4). We also have a German Shorthaired Pointer, Sophie.

**Years served on Council:** First year.

**Committees served on:** Property committee.

**What has made me most proud of St. John's during my time on Council:** The dedication of committee members to ensure that St. John's will continue to thrive in the future.

**An important duty of Council that some people might not realize is:** We review Pastor's performance.

**Why others should consider joining St. John's Church Council:** You get to see the inner workings of the church and help make decisions as to where the church is going in the future.



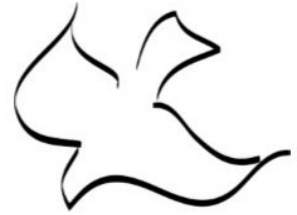
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## Please Join Our Church Family

### In Prayer



As we enter the month of August, please join our church family in prayer. Below you will find a list of those who we will be praying for. If you or someone you know would like to be added to one of the lists please stop by the church office, call the office at 715-568-5446, or email the information to:



stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net

### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters), Dean Hontz, Tom Buchner, Harry Loew, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Zayden Blandin (Kathy Geissler's great-grandson), Kyle Ruffedt, Jase Bresina (St. John's pre-school student), Matthew Berlin, Kari Skaar

### Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

### Prayers for the Saints

**Prayers for the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Timothy Lowe; Brittany, Eric, Clayton and Cooper Ludwigson; Kelli, Tye, Bronson, and Cole Ludwigson; Kathy Ludwigson; Bonnie and John Lueck

**Prayers for the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Dick and Jean Marquardt; Mervin Marquardt; Lucille Martin; Rodney Martin; Doug and Susan Martin; Andrew Martin

**Prayers for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Michael, Lucas and Amy Marvin; Brian, Mary and Gabe Mawby; Jean Rihn, Leo and Wyatt Mayer; Erin, Shaun, Connor, Owen, and Riley McCurdy; Suzi and Kenner McInnis

**Prayers for the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>:** Denise, Rene, and Greyson Medina; Chrissy, Nick, Dominick, and Rose Meisner; Marge Melberg; Justin, Kelly, Kaylee (North), Caleb (Reischel) and Leora Metcalf; Brian and Jill Meyer

# Church News

## REMINDER:

Pre-school registration for Fall 2019 is in progress and now open to non-members. For more information & registration forms, contact Crystal Erickson at (715) 563-6281.



## PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!



Please join us for quilting.  
August 20th 1:00-4:00 p.m.



ELCA Women's  
2019 Retreat

Will be at Luther Park  
Bible Camp Aug. 14 &  
15, 2019

Registration forms are  
on the bulletin board  
by the church office.

**Send registrations  
in by August 1.**

### Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than the 23rd of the month.  
Thank You



## Volunteer Opportunities Presented to St. John's Members

St. John's often receives a "call for volunteers" from various organizations throughout Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. We extend these invitations knowing that at any time, there may be someone longing for a way to demonstrate the love of Jesus through not just words but through their actions. To those who answer this call, a resounding "THANK YOU" is extended to you from not just those receiving your assistance, but from St. John's for your representation of our faith in Christ and his mission on earth.

*Two such opportunities presently on our radar (And on our bulletin boards) are as follows:*

**\*New Freedom Transportation Program** needs Volunteer Drivers

(800) 288-3287

**\*The Community Table** needs people to help serve meals to the poor, 365 days per year. volunteer@thecommunitytable.org or

(715) 835-4977 Ext. 7

# August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 ONEFEST-Chippewa Fair Grounds 9:00 AM Worship Service	29 8:00 AM Bible Study	30	31 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:45 PM Worship	1 Bloomer Fair - PreSchool has a booth	2 Bloomer Fair - PreSchool has a booth
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18 9:00 AM Worship Service	19 8:00 AM Bible Study	20 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	21 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:45 PM Worship	22	23
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# Church Council Meeting

## July 9, 2019

### St. John's Lutheran Church – Council Meeting – July 9, 2019 “Growing Disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love”

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 by President Suzi McInnis.

**Opening Devotion:** By Tom Ewings – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 26.

Discussed how change can have a ripple effect in our congregation.

**Prayers:** Prayers for Suzi's grandson undergoing a tonsillectomy; for Lisa's mother's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday; Adam's in-laws for their transition; for good weather and good attendance at the Ecumenical service at the North Park; for immigrants longing for change.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lisa Prill, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of June meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### Issues/Information

#### Financial Report:

Victoria was present to answer questions regarding financial report.

Question regarding annual fee for background check service.

Suggestion that monies raised through council fundraisers be deposited into council fund.

A check will then be written to the appropriate beneficiary from that account.

A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Tom Ewings, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to go into closed session at 6:42 PM. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Barb Ross, to return to open session at 6:48 PM. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** (Attachments: FIN, Youth, Pastor)

**FIN (Faithful Innovations Network):** Shared information from first meeting.

**Youth:** Created a policy regarding background checks. Will be required for adult volunteers when overnight stays occur. To be performed by Youth Director.

**Fellowship:** Suggested scaling back Fall Festival to a Chili Cook-off instead. If enough interest is shown during Mission Fair, we could hold the dumpling/pork event in the winter.

**Pastor: Membership Updates:**

*Transfer to Church Triumphant: Marian Shipman.*

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Tom Ewings, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

## Church Council Minutes (Continued)

### Action Items

Discussed upcoming Mission Fair: need to know how many groups will participate and who will represent each group on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Asking each group to provide a display with information on involvement and volunteer opportunities.

Pastor will send reminder to all groups to submit volunteer hours to Tina Myers and to inform about upcoming Mission Fair details. Groups need to commit by August 6 for planning.

Booklet needs to be updated with current ministry opportunities.

Melissa will make punch cards for Mission Fair.

Discussed Council Member Feedback Evaluation.

Positives include fundraising efforts; openness/welcoming of St John's community; success of charcoal chicken fundraiser.

Concerns include worship attendance; participation/lack of volunteers; finances.

Consensus is for Council to maintain focus and complete tasks.

Decided to distribute a more condensed version of the Evaluation form to council next May, to be collected in June and discussed in July.

Decided to sell raffle tickets for Luther Park renovation project. Event is August 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will get a cash box set up. Lisa will email a schedule to sell tickets before/after worship.

Discussed Pastor Staff Review Form. Will share Council evaluation with Pastor at August meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 pm by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Barb Ross. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Melissa Sarauer.

**\*\* Next Council Meeting is AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>. (Note the change.)\*\***

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Suzi McInnis, Melissa Sarauer, Barb Ross, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson, Pauline Stertz, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill, Victoria Prince-Silvas, Lydia Blaha (by phone.)

# Youth Committee Notes

## June 24, 2019

**Present:** Marla, Pastor Martin, Melissa Sarauer, Kathy Tozer, Tyler Mickelson, Beth Halverson and Leo :-)

### Agenda Items

#### Financial Policies:

Marla will create a "Youth Policies" binder for future reference.

Tyler will compose an announcement encouraging families to return paid camp invoices to Marla.

Clarified that families need to participate in 2 fundraisers from Sept-Aug to access money raised through fundraisers. (Chairing an event counts as 2 fundraisers.) Any St. John's fundraiser qualifies.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the revisions made to the Financial Policy. Motion carried.

#### Discipline Policies:

For learning events, a second adult in all classes is optimum. Parents will be encouraged to take turns assisting with classes.

A group will meet to revise Discipline Policy. Will include Pastor, Melissa and a current confirmation guide.

#### Guide/Mentor Evaluations

16 were sent out, 3 were returned.

All mentioned discipline issues need to be addressed. Would like to see smaller groups, more respect, parent involvement, community service projects.

#### Curriculum

Marla has narrowed down curriculum to 3 choices. All can be done with age specific groups or cross generational group. All are hands on and bible-based learning along with activities.

Youth committee agreed that groups for 2019-20 learning year should be age specific. i.e. K&1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>&5<sup>th</sup>. Larger groups would be mixed before splitting as opposed to splitting by grade. For example, a large group of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders would become two smaller groups of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, instead of splitting into one group of 4<sup>th</sup> graders and another group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Suggestion for having adult Faith Mentors for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Would meet at least monthly and go through lesson plans, but also build a relationship and spend time in other activities.

#### VBS

15 youth have registered.

Marcy Trubshaw will host Luther Park Counselors.

Kathy Weber and Mary Poirier will be helping.

Will need help with meal for counselors.

## Youth Committee Notes (cont.)

### Rally Day/Ministry Fair

Rally Day is planned for September 11. Parents need to fill out registration in person or online and return to Marla prior to start of learning events.

Ministry Fair will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Ministry Fair is for members to learn about opportunities to be involved in committees or groups.

August 28<sup>th</sup> is Orientation for new/incoming Confirmation youth.

September 4 is Orientation for all Confirmation youth.

Confirmation and Faith Formation learning start September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Kidnapping

10 youth were picked up from their homes and brought to St. John's under the guise of missing work.

Joined with Youth In Action members for a mixer, pizza and devotions and encouraged to join YIA.

### North Park Display

YIA have received one proposal for park display.

Help will be needed to carry out the display.

### Music Festivals

Decided bus transportation to LifeFest in Oshkosh is cost prohibitive. Will still promote the event for people to attend on their own.

OneFest in Chippewa Falls will be promoted. Best option seems to be meeting in Chippewa at a set time and place to attend as a group. Car pooling can be arranged by attendees on their own.

### Hiring Process Schedule

July 25<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-5:00

August 7<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-6:30 with meal

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3:30-5:00

**Next meeting of Youth Committee is July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Lisa will bring food.**



#### SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK

#### OFF TO CAMP WE GO!

Programs available for Kindergarten through Sr. High Youth as well as Family Camp. Weeks are filling up quickly. Visit [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) for more info.

**To register your child, contact Luther Park or complete registration forms online. Email a copy of completed forms to Marla at [stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net](mailto:stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net).**

#### SUMMER PICKS

Camp in your backyard  
Spend the day at the lake  
Watch fireworks  
Stargaze  
Add something that  
makes you smile and  
share it with a friend.

*Blessings, Marla*



**Wherever you go,  
No matter what  
The weather,  
Always bring  
Your own Sunshine**

# Pastor Martin's Monthly Report

## PASTOR MARTIN'S MONTHLY REPORT

### I CELEBRATE

1. The beginnings of our St. John's FIN team – the initial retreat as well as our first local meeting.
2. The fantastic teamwork of Victoria, Beth, and Martha in carrying out the funeral for Marian Shipman in my absence.
3. The property committee in handling the broken sliding glass door pane without much input from my part, most of which was done in my absence once again.

### People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

1. Martha, Beth, and Wendy in managing the sanctuary climate control thanks to Adam Anderson's guidance.

### Ways I've helped us GO DEEPER with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

1. Working with the FIN team in clarifying our goals for the upcoming listening campaign.

### I'm currently WORKING ON

1. Identifying new Administrator/Director for the St. John's preschool.
2. Inviting other Bloomer churches into a shared service ministry for the fall.
3. Implementing the FIN listening strategy to both God and members.

### I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

1. Exploring new ways of doing confirmation, learning from the years long confirmation project.
2. Utilizing our church management system (Breeze) better.

### I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

1. Being bold with *Dwelling in the Word*, participating and offering your thoughts when given the opportunity.
2. Prayers for the development of our renewed faith formation strategy led by the youth committee.
3. Prayers for the process of identifying a new youth director.
4. Prayers for a meaningful week of VBS next week!

### Additional comments

1. Membership updates:
  - a. Deaths: Marian Shipman

# Youth Announcements

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION

### SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 11: RALLY DAY  
YOUTH & ADULT ACTIVITIES



MEAL



TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP  
COME & SEE



### IN ACTION

**WHO: SR. HIGH YOUTH**  
**WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 & 25**  
**TIME: 5:30-7:30 PM**  
**WHERE: ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
DINING HALL**

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**



Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so: Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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A familiar children's hymn that we sing today, often brings back memories of days gone by when we were children. One memory that comes to mind for me is the person who I encountered as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation student. I did not attend Sunday school on a regular basis as a child. When my parents dropped me off for confirmation, I felt like a fish out of water. The kind heart and love that was given me by my teacher encouraged me to keep coming. The seed of faith that was planted at my baptism began to grow. As a high school youth, I often stayed in Bloomer with my Grandma on weekends and discovered the desire to walk to ST. John's for worship on Sunday. Today, it is a privilege to share my faith with anyone who comes in to my space. It's that time of year when we focus on fall learning opportunities. I encourage you to look back at your own faith journey and discover the people who were mentors for you. Please consider sharing your faith with the young people at ST. John's by giving your time to be a faith mentor in one of many Faith 5 environments. It's sometimes scary to step into an unknown space. Don't worry; God is walking with you. There are numerous resources, (people & lesson plans) available as well. Stop by my office, send me an email, or call me if you would like more info, or if you are interested in sharing your time and faith with children and youth.

Sharing Christ with others brings lots of unexpected blessings. Marla

## FIN (Faithfull Innovations Network) Tuesday, July 8, 2019 & 2019 Devotion Schedule

Attendance: Pastor Martin, Barb Ross, Suzi McInnis, Lydia Blaha, Laurice Hillman, Jill Gengler, Keith Ruehlow

Meeting kicked off at 5:38 with an opening prayer from Pastor Martin

Started with Dwelling in the Word – Acts 16:6-15

What questions does the passage create for us?

Curious on the all the Spirit's signals that led to the journey of Paul and his companions

How did a bunch of guys end up staying at Lydia's (a woman) – where was the trust come from to make this OK? What was the trust based on?

What words stand out as we read through the passage this time around?

What do we think God is saying to us?

Formalized Groups of Dwelling in the Word: Council (Jan 14, 2020), FIN, High School Faith Formation (September 8, 2019, considering Confirmation retreats, Wednesday services Only (July 24 planting Jill, and the following 3 services with follow up once done, PM to post a teaser on FB), WELCA

One on One's

Purpose – Acquire information to read the people we talk to as well as the entire community of Bloomer and how is God playing a role with these people and our community? How do we bridge the gap to those who may not have God in their life?

Audience:

Target 1: Person super comfortable with, even own spouse try to be done before next meeting.

Target 2: St. John's members

Neighborhood Walks

Let's be aware of anyone who already is walking and can add to the outreach listening

We will focus more on this at next meeting.

Coach Keith reached out to the FIN team asking for what he can pray for on our behalf as we move forward with this journey.

Next Meeting is Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 in Dining Hall at St. John's.

### Devotion Schedule for 2019 from “Called by God to Serve”:

**Aug**– Driah Zakrzewicz, Chapter 27    **Sept** – Melissa Sarauer, Chp. 28    **Oct** – Pauline Stertz, Chapter 29  
**Nov** – Lydia Blaha, Chapter 30    **Dec** – Adam Anderson, Chapter 1    **Jan** – Kathy Tozer, Chapter 2



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